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REMARKS

Cross reference to related applications is made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) by adding a new section to the specification.

An abstract, on a separate page as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b), has been added.

Claims 5 and 7 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 11-13 are added to encompass the same subject matter, as shown in the marked up versions below:

5. (once amended) A method according to claim 1 **[or claim 4]** wherein the calcium chelating agents are selected from 4- (carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) pentane-1, 5-dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -1-(trimethylamino) butane-1, 4, dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -3-(trimethylamino) -butane-1, 4-dicarboxylic acid, ethane 1, 2-diamine N,N,N'N' tetra-acetic acid (EDTA), and sodium salts of such agents and the like polydentate ligands comprising organic chelating compounds modified by addition of or substitution with a solubilizing group, e.g. a quaternary ammonium group, which is soluble in acid pH ranges, especially remaining soluble below pH4.

7. (once amended) A process according to claim 2 **[or claim 3]** wherein the chelating agents include at least one of the following :4-(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) - pentane-1, 5-dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) butane-1, 4, dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -3-(trimethylamino) -butane-1, 4-dicarboxylic acid, and the like polydentate ligands comprising organic chelating compounds modified by addition of or substitution with a solubilising group, e.g. a quaternary ammonium group, which is soluble in acid pH ranges, especially remaining soluble below pH4.

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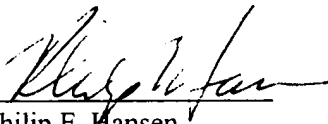
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Claims 1-8 and 11-13 are pending in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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